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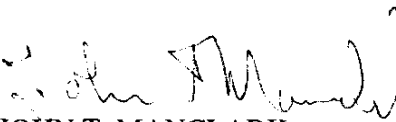
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SUBJECT: Release of Interim Guidance, *Capabilities Based Test and Evaluation*

The attached Interim Guidance, *Capabilities Based Test and Evaluation*, is effective immediately upon receipt. This document is planned for release within the next 90 days as Air Force Instruction (AFI) 99-103 under the same title. At that time, the Air Force Central Publications Management Office will rescind AFI 99-101, AFI 99-102, and AFI 99-105. This document was extensively coordinated throughout the Air Force test and evaluation (T&E) community and all comments have been addressed.

This Interim Guidance significantly revises Air Force T&E policy in response to recent changes in Department of Defense Directive (DoDD) 5000.1, *The Defense Acquisition System*; DoD Instruction (DoDI) 5000.2, *Operation of the Defense Acquisition System*; Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Instruction (CJCSI) 3170.01C, *Joint Capabilities Integration and Development System*; and CJCS Manual (CJCSM) 3170.01, *Operation of the Joint Capabilities Integration and Development System*; and the Secretary of the Air Force's Agile Acquisition policies. New policies and procedures are implemented for planning, conducting, and reporting capabilities-based T&E using the Seamless Verification Concept. This guidance applies to all Air Force organizations and personnel conducting T&E activities, including the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Command. Due to extensive changes, the entire contents of this Interim Guidance must be reviewed in conjunction with new Air Force requirements and acquisition policies. A copy of this Interim Guidance is on HQ USAF/TE's web site, <http://www/te.hq.af.mil/>.

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